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TAGS:PFOR, IN, US

SUBJECT:ACTION MEMORANDUM: SAXBE'S RECOMMENDATIONS

(S/S NO. 7514083)

FOR SECRETARY FROM SOBER THRU SISCO AND ATHERTON

### 1. THE PROBLEM.

SAXBE HAS SENT IN TWO CABLES (NEW DELHI 9254, 9255) RECOMMENDING THAT HE SEE MRS. GANDHI IN THE NEAR FUTURE, THAT HE NOT PROTEST THE SMALL SECOND DEMONSTRATION IN FRONT OF THE USIS JULY 9 AND THAT WE DEFER THE INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL DEPLOYMENT PLANNED TO BEGIN ABOUT JULY 17. WE HAVE REPEATED HIS MESSAGES BY SEPTEL.

### 2. BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

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A. MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER. WE THINK A MEETING BETWEEN SAXBE AND THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD BE HELPFUL. IT WOULD PERMIT SAXBE TO GET SOME PERSONAL READING OF HER FRAME OF MIND AND THOUGHTS ABOUT INDO-U.S. RELATIONS AND

ALSO GIVE HIM AN OPPORTUNITY TO PUT ACROSS OUR COMPLAINTS ABOUT INDIAN CRITICISM AS PART OF A BROADER REVIEW OF BILATERAL RELATIONS. THE SUBSTANTIVE POINTS HE PROPOSES

TO COVER (PARA 6 OF NEW DELHI 9254) SEEM APPROPRIATE FOR THE OCCASION. THE ONLY DOUBT WE HAVE RELATES TO SAXBE'S PROPOSED HANDLING OF THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO INDIA (PARA 9 OF NEW DELHI 9254), SHOULD THE PRESIDENT DECIDE TO POSTPONE IT BY THE TIME SAXBE CALLS. IF SAXBE WERE TO TAKE UP THE SUBJECT WITH MRS. GANDHI DIRECTLY, THIS WOULD BE ASSUMED TO BE THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THE CALL, ESPECIALLY BY THE PRESS, AND SUBSTANTIALLY DIMINISH THE ADVANTAGES WE HOPE TO DERIVE FROM A CALL AT THIS TIME. WE BELIEVE IT PREFERABLE TO HANDLE THIS QUESTION AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME WITH KAUL AND MEA, AS SAXBE PREVIOUSLY SUGGESTED.

B. PROTEST OVER SECOND DEMONSTRATION. IN STATE 161677 WE TOLD SAXBE TO PROTEST THE SECOND SMALL DEMONSTRATION BEFORE USIS DELHI JULY 9. WE FELT THAT SAXBE SHOULD DO THIS SINCE THE GOI HAS TO APPROVE DEMONSTRATIONS UNDER THE PRESENT STATE OF EMERGENCY JUST AS IT MUST CONSENT TO ANY ANTI-AMERICAN ARTICLES PUBLISHED IN THE CENSORED PRESS. HE HAS COME BACK RECOMMENDING AGAINST ANOTHER PROTEST NOTING THAT WE ARE ON FIRMER GROUND IN CONCENTRATING OUR COMPLAINTS AGAINST ANTI-U.S. STATEMENTS BY INDIAN LEADERS. WE ARE INCLINED TO ACCEPT SAXBE'S JUDGMENT AS THE MAN-ON-THE-SCENE. POLICE PROTECTION WAS APPARENTLY ADEQUATE AND WE CAN ASSUME THAT OUR BASIC MESSAGE ON DEMONSTRATIONS GOT THROUGH BY MEANS OF THE PROTESTS LODGED IN DELHI AND WASHINGTON ABOUT THE JULY 8 DEMONSTRATION.

C. INDIAN OCEAN DEPLOYMENT. WE BELIEVE THE EMBASSY IS BEING OVERLY SENSITIVE REGARDING THE IMPACT OF THE PROPOSED INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL DEPLOYMENT ON INDO-AMERICAN RELATIONS. THE TASK GROUP (GUIDED MISSILE CRUISER,  
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2 FRIGATES, AND OILER) IS ROUTINE AND PERIODIC DEPLOYMENT IN LINE WITH THE POLICY ANNOUNCED A YEAR AND A HALF AGO, AND IT IS HARD TO SEE WHY IT SHOULD PRECIPITATE THE DIRE CONSEQUENCES SUGGESTED IN NEW DELHI 9255. IF THIS WERE OUR FIRST INDIAN OCEAN DEPLOYMENT, THE EMBASSY MIGHT HAVE A POINT, BUT THIS IS HARDLY THE CASE. IN ANY EVENT, WE DO NOT THINK WE SHOULD ALLOW A POSSIBLE NEGATIVE INDIAN RESPONSE TO GOVERN OUR INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL DEPLOYMENT. THUS, WE DO NOT BELIEVE ANY CHANGE SHOULD BE MADE IN THE PLANNED SCHEDULE AT THIS TIME. THE DEPLOYMENT IS DUE TO BEGIN ABOUT JULY 17 AND THE GROUP'S ITINERARY (SEYCHELLES, MAURITIUS, MOMBASA, GULF OF ADEN, GULF OF OMAN) KEEPS THEM CLEAR OF THE SUBCONTINENT UNTIL AUGUST 22-26 WHEN

PORT CALLS ARE TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR KARACHI AND THEN COLOMBO. WE WILL, OF COURSE, REVIEW THE PORT CALL AT

KARACHI IN THE LIGHT OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE SUBCONTINENT.

3. RECOMMENDATION: THAT YOU APPROVE THE ATTACHED TELEGRAM TO SAXBE.

APPROVE            DISAPPROVE

4. CLEARED: VEST (SUBS), PM:HAGGERTY, USIA:BRESCIA(SUBS), NEA:ADUBS.

DRAFT TELEGRAM TO NEW DELHI

SUBJECT: DELHI RECOMMENDATIONS

REFS: (A) NEW DELHI 9254; (B) NEW DELHI 9255

1. WE AGREE THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR YOU TO MEET WITH MRS. GANDHI IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THE SECRETARY IS SCHEDULED TO SEE AMB. KAUL ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 16 AND THE TWO MEETINGS SHOULD AFFORD A TIMELY OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS. THE THEMES YOU PROPOSE TO STRESS (PARA 6 OF REFTEL A) STRIKE US AS CORRECT AND SHOULD PROVIDE A FRAMEWORK WITHIN WHICH TO GET ACROSS TO MRS. GANDHI OUR UNHAPPINESS ABOUT ANTI-AMERICAN ALLEGATIONS BY SENIOR INDIAN LEADERS AND THE CENSORED PRESS. WITH REGARD TO THE SECRET

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PRESIDENT'S VISIT, WE HAVE YOUR PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS UNDER CONSIDERATION. SHOULD PRESIDENT HAVE DECIDED TO POSTPONE TRIP BEFORE YOU MEET WITH MRS. GANDHI, WE DOUBT, HOWEVER, THAT YOU SHOULD BREAK THE NEWS ON THIS PARTICULAR CALL. IT WOULD NO DOUBT BE INTERPRETED AS THE PRIMARY PURPOSE FOR YOUR MEETING, GIVE A NEGATIVE CAST TO THE SESSION AND DIMINISH THE ADVANTAGES THAT MIGHT FLOW FROM IT. WE BELIEVE, THEREFORE, THAT THE QUESTION OF THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT, SHOULD HE DECIDE TO POSTPONE IT, BE TAKEN UP WITH KAUL HERE AND WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS AS APPROPRIATE.

2. REGARDING THE QUESTION OF A PROTEST FOR THE SECOND DEMONSTRATION AT USIS DELHI ON JULY 9, WE DEFER TO YOUR JUDGMENT. WHILE IT IS TRUE WE HAVE NOT PREVIOUSLY PROTESTED SIMILAR DEMONSTRATIONS IN THE PAST, THE SITUATION WAS DIFFERENT IN ABSENCE OF STATE OF EMERGENCY. HOWEVER, WE AGREE WITH YOU THERE WAS ADEQUATE POLICE PROTECTION AND WE SHOULD AT THIS TIME FOCUS OUR PROTESTS ON ANTI-AMERICAN STATEMENTS BY SENIOR LEADERS AND THE PRESS.

3. REGARDING THE INDIAN OCEAN TASK GROUP DEPLOYMENT, WE

APPRECIATE THE SENSITIVITY OF EVENTS IN INDIA BUT DO NOT  
CONSIDER THEM OVERRIDING AND INTEND TO MAINTAIN PRESENT  
PLANS (STATE 161151). THE SCHEDULED INDIAN OCEAN NAVAL  
DEPLOYMENT IS ROUTINE AND CONSISTENT WITH POLICY STATED IN  
LATE 1973 TO STEP UP PERIODIC DEPLOYMENTS TO AREA. IT IS  
NOT RELATED EITHER IN ORIGIN OR INTENT TO THE PRESENT SITU-  
ATION IN INDIA, AND CAN BE PRESENTED CREDIBLY AS AN INDE-  
PENDENT ACT OF A ROUTINE NATURE. WE HOPE THE GOI WILL  
NOT OVERREACT TO A FOUR-SHIP GROUP MADE UP OF 1 CRUISER,  
2 FRIGATES AND AN OILER. THE TASK GROUP'S

ITINERARY DOES NOT TOUCH SOUTH ASIA UNTIL A STOP AT  
KARACHI NOW SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 22-26. BEFORE THEN  
THE GROUP WILL PROCEED TO THE SEYCHELLES, MAURITUS,  
MOMBASA, GULF OF ADEN AND GULF OF OMAN IN THAT ORDER  
AFTER TRANSITING STRAITS OF MALACCA. INGERSOLL

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